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SUMMARY: DURING STAY IN TOKYO CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA (COM) DELE-
GATION MET WITH GOJ OFFICIALS, JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN, AND EMB REPS.
EMPHASIS IN DISCUSSIONS WAS ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT POSSIBILITIES,
BUT COM DEL ALSO INQUIRED RE GOJ AID PROSPECTS. COM DEL
MADE CLEAR THAT TALKS WERE EXPLORATORY; JAPANESE SIDE'S
RESPONSES WERE FRIENDLY BUT VAGUE. GOJ AND COM DEL WELL
AWARE USG POSITION ON GOVT TO GOVT CONTACTS. COM DEL
DEPARTED SEPT 29 AFTER EXPRESSING STAISFACTION WITH RESULTS
OF TRIP. END SUMMARY.

1. CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA (COM) DELEGATION DEPARTED TOKYO
FOR SEOUL SEPT 29 FOLLOWING WEEK OF MEETINGS WITH
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AGENCIES. DELEGATION ALSO MET AND BRIEFED BY EMBASSY'S
ECON/COM MIN. ON PRIVATE SIDE DELEGATION
MET WITH JAPAN-MICRONESIA ASSOCIATION, JAPAN-
HAWAII ECONOMIC COUNCIL, LEISURE DEVELOPMENT CENTER,
ASIA KAIKAN, MITSUI REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY,
AND JAPAN SHIPPING LINES. ON GOVERNMENT SIDE, MEETINGS
WERE HELD WITH MIN OF TRANSPORTATION (DEPT OF
TOURISM), MITI (ECONOMIC COOPERATION DEPT), FONOFF
(AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU--REF B), AND AGRICULTURE
FORESTRY MINS FISHERIES AGENCY. COURTESY CALL
ON DIET HOUSE SPEAKER SHIGESABURO MAEO ALSO ARRANGED,
AND COM SENATOR NAKAYAMA MET JSP DIETMAN HIDEO DEN.
ADDITIONALLY, DELEGATION HELD PRESS CONFERENCE AT
FONOFF KASUMI CLUB AND APPEARED ON NHK TELEVISION PROGRAM
MORNING OF SATURDAY, SEPT 28.

2. EMBOFFS SAT IN ON ALL DELEGATION MEETINGS WITH GOJ
MINISTRIES' OFFICIALS. IN EVERY CASE, IN ADDITION TO
EXPRESSING DESIRE FOR DEVELOPING PRIVATE ECONOMIC TIES
WITH JAPAN, DELEGATION INQUIRED RE PROSPECTS FOR JAPANESE
GOVERNMENTAL AID OVER LONGER TERM, ESPECIALLY TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE IN AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES FIELD. WITH
EXCEPTION OF FUKADA'S RESPONSE REPORTED REF A, GOJ
ANSWERS WERE FRIENDLY BUT VAGUE. (FUKADA'S OFFER OF
INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WAS NOT FOLLOWED UP BY DELEGATION.)
FISHERIES AGENCY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PRIVATE JOINT
VENTURES AND EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST MADE THROUGH DIPLOMATIC
CHANNELS. FISHERIES AGENCY ALSO SUGGESTED TTPI INQUIRE
THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS RE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING
GOUJ GRANT TO SEND MICRONESIAN TRAINEES TO JAPAN. MITI
ASKED IN WHICH FIELDS MICRONESIANS DESIRED INVESTMENT
(TO WHICH THEY RESPONDED TOURISM AND FISHERIES) AND
REQUESTED ADDITIONAL INFO ON TTPI STANDARDS AND GUIDANCE
FOR PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS. MIN OF TRANSPORTATION
EXPRESSED INTEREST IN INCREASING FLOW OF JAPANESE
TOURISTS TO MICRONESIA , IN RECEIVING MICRONESIAN TRAINEES
IN HOTEL INDUSTRY, AND IN HELPING FIND PRIVATE COMPANIES
INTERESTED IN INVESTING IN PROJECTS DESIRED BY MICRONESIANS.
EMBOFFS BRIEFED FONOFF ALONG LINES REF A PRIOR TO COM
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DELEGATION'S ARRIVAL, FONOFF HAD EXPLAIND OUR POSITION
TO OTHER MINISTRIES, AND WE REMINDED COM SEVERAL TIMES
OF CORRECT CHANNELS. THIS DID NOT, OBVIOUSLY, PREVENT
COM DELEGATION FROM UNQUIRING RE GOJ AID PROSPECTS,
BUT GOJ AND COM DELEGATION MEMBERS WELL AWARE OUR
POSITION ON THIS ISSUE.

3. ACCORDING TO FONOFF REP WHO ASSISTED WITH PREPARA-

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TIONS FOR COM DELEGATION'S VISIT (HAMANAKA), SPEAKER
MAEO DURING MEETING WITH DELEGATION INDICATED JAPANESE
PRIVATE SECTOR WOULD WILLINGLY CONTRIBUTE TO MICRONESIA'S
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SUGGESTED THAT MOCRONESIAN
COMMUNICATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT BE FORWARDED TO JAPAN-
MICRONESIA ASSOCIATIONS. DIETMAN DEN, PATRON OF
PONAPEAN DANNY LOPEZ, TOLD SENATOR NAKAYAMA THAT JAPAN
SHOULD ASSIST MICRONESIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRIMARILY
THROUGH PRIVATE SECTOR COOPERATION AND THAT DELEGATION'S
VISIT TO TOKYO WOULD CREATE PROPER ATMOSPHERE FOR SUCH
COOPERATION.

4. DURING MEETINGS WITH PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, DELE-
GATION EXPLAINED INTEREST IN DEVELOPING PRIVATE ECONOMIC
RELATIONS AND SOLICITED JAPANESE COOPERATION. DELE-
GATION DISTRIBUTED AT EACH MEETING A STATEMENT EXPLAINGING
PURPOSE OF MISSION (WHICH EMBASSY POUCHING TO ADDRESSEES).
DELEGATION EXPLAINED THAT MEETINGS AT THIS TIME
WERE EXPLORATORY, TO OCCASIONAL DISAPPOINTMENTOF JAPANESE WHO
INTERESTED IN MORE SPECIFICS. TWO MOST INTERESTING REMARKS MADE
IN PRESENCE OF EMBOFF WERE BY TAKEJIRO WATANABE, CHAIRMAN OF
JAPAN HAWAII ECONOMIC COUNCIL (JAPAN) AND CHAIRMAN EMERITUS OF
MITSHBISHI REAL ESTATE COMPANY. WATANABE SAID
A) LARGE JAPANESE COMPANIES ARE NOT INTERESTED IN
MICRONESIA AS THEIR ATTENTION IS CENTERED ON RUSSIA,
CHINA, AND BRAZIL, SO MEDIUM AND SMALL JAPANESE COMPANIES
WILL HAVE TO PROMOTE PRIVATE ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH
MICRONESIA, AND B) JAPAN HAWAII ECONOMIC COUNCIL
(JAPAN) WOULD DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF SENDING QTE SELL
TO JAPAN MISSION UNQTE TO TTPI TO EXPLORE WITH
MICRONESIANS POSSIBILITIES FOR INCREASING EXPORTS OF
THEIR PRODUCTS TO JAPAN.

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5. PRESS CONFERENCE AND TV APPEARANCE WERE UNEVENTFUL.
MINIMAL COVERAGE OF MISSION APPEARED IN PRESS--EMBASS
POUCHING COPIES OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTICLES TO AD-
DRESSEES--BUT DELEGATION MEMBERWJRE IMPRESSED AND
PLEASED BY FACT THEY RECEIVED SEVERAL TELEPHONE IN-
QUIRIES FOLLOWING TV APPEARANCE.

6. DELEGATION MEMBERS TOLD EMBOFF THEY WERE PLEASED
WITH ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR THEM AND SATISFIED WITH
RESULTS OF THEIR TRIP.
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